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INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited during the prosecution of the corresponding Chilean application or in recent Opposition Proceedings filed against the corresponding European application.

Applicants submit, as Document E18, a copy of an Office Action from the counterpart Chilean application, which lists the documents considered relevant by the Chilean examiner. Documents E1-E4, E6-E8, E10, E12 and E17 are believed to be English language equivalents of documents cited in an Office Action in the counterpart application in Chile. The relevance of Document E18, which is in Spanish, may be ascertained by the English-language equivalent documents that have been cited herein.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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